



# Safe Surf: A Workshop on Internet Safety

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A Program of the Needham Youth Commission  
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**275 6<sup>th</sup> graders at Pollard completed a survey regarding their Internet use.  
The following is a compilation of the results.**

- 1. Select the average number of hours you spend online everyday (on a scale from 0 - 5+ hours) in each of the following areas:**

	<b>Grade Average</b> (275 students)	<b>Females</b> ( 138 students)	<b>Males</b> ( 137 students)
<b>Homework</b>	1 hour 8 minutes	1 hour 12 minutes	1 hour 4 minutes
<b>Myspace/Facebook</b>	13 minutes	12 minutes	14 minutes
<b>Instant messaging</b>	59 minutes	1 hour 5 minutes	53 minutes
<b>Web surfing</b>	1 hour 11 minutes	1 hour 15 minutes	1 hour 6 minutes
<b>E-mailing</b>	39 minutes	46 minutes	32 minutes
<b>Games</b>	1 hour 1 minute	57 minutes	1 hour 5 minutes
<b>*Other_____</b>	1 hour 55 minutes	2 hours 1 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youtube.com</li><li>• Clubpenguin.com</li><li>• Downloading</li><li>• Gossip sites</li><li>• Music/iTunes</li><li>• Shopping online</li><li>• Texting</li><li>• Webkinz.com</li><li>• Online Journal</li><li>• School Website</li><li>• Reading, writing, Drawing</li></ul>	1 hour 50 minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Youtube.com</li><li>• Shopping</li><li>• Music/iTunes</li><li>• Reading</li><li>• Sports</li><li>• Sports websites</li><li>• Texting</li><li>• PowerPoint</li></ul>

\*Numbers based on students that reported spending at least some time doing the activity

**2. Can you tell your parents all the websites you visit?**

	<b>Grade Average</b> <i>(275 students)</i>	<b>Females</b> <i>(138 students)</i>	<b>Males</b> <i>( 137 students)</i>
<b>YES</b>	68%	68%	66%
<b>NO</b>	32%	29%	34%

**3. Do your parents monitor your Internet use?**

	<b>Grade Average</b> <i>(275 students)</i>	<b>Females</b> <i>( 138 students)</i>	<b>Males</b> <i>( 137 students)</i>
<b>YES</b>	21%	24%	22%
<b>NO</b>	28%	24%	33%
<b>I DON'T KNOW</b>	49%	52%	45%

**4. Do you know someone who has been bullied or harassed online?**

	<b>Grade Average</b> <i>(275 students)</i>	<b>Females</b> <i>(138 students)</i>	<b>Males</b> <i>( 137 students)</i>
<b>YES</b>	25%	31%	25%
<b>NO</b>	75%	68%	75%

**5. a. If you text message, how many texts do you send a DAY?**

	<b>Grade Average</b> <i>(143 out of 275 students)</i>	<b>Females</b> <i>(76 out of 138 students)</i>	<b>Males</b> <i>(67 out of 137 students)</i>
<b>*Average Number of Texts</b>	16.6 Messages	19.3 Messages	13.5 Messages

\*Numbers based on students that send at least one text message a week

5. b. If you text message, how many texts do you send a WEEK?

	<b>Grade Average</b> (143 out of 275 students)	<b>Females</b> (76 out of 138 students)	<b>Males</b> (67 out of 137 students)
<b>*Average Number of Texts</b>	93.2 Messages	108.6 Messages	75.5 Messages

\*Numbers based on students that send at least one text message a week

6. Have you or someone you know ever done anything or “said” anything online that you/they wouldn’t say in person?

	<b>Grade Average</b> (275 students)	<b>Females</b> ( 138 students)	<b>Males</b> ( 137 students)
<b>YES</b>	25%	26%	23%
If YES, what was it? _____		“You’re such a loser, whore, bitch-stop talking to me” “I know you don’t like me and I don’t like you either” “Ask someone out as a joke” “break ups” “Someone asked someone out because they were to scared to do it in person” “I can’t say” “I hate you” “I love you” “Will you go out with me?” “My friend broke up with her boyfriend on IM” “You wore that shirt on Friday” “I called this girl a squirrel because she looks like one” “Get out of my life” “That they wanted to not be friends”	“You’re F****ing ugly” “Break ups” “Rumors” “Fag” “I said I was 13” “It’s personal” “Swears” “Stuff related to love” “Name calling” “Told a secret” “That I was 16 years old” “I am going out with someone I don’t like” “They like someone” “Insults and harassment” “Asked someone out”
<b>NO</b>	74%	72%	75%

**7. What is something that you know goes on (regarding the Internet) that your parents probably have no idea about?**

Females	Males
<p>“My music/iTunes”</p> <p>“Cyber bullying in chatrooms and people following you into them”</p> <p>“Gossip”</p> <p>“Relationships that involve their kids”</p> <p>“Kids watch youtube all the time”</p> <p>“addictinggames.com”</p> <p>“What kids buy online”</p> <p>“Very inappropriate pictures”</p> <p>“I know nothing my parents don’t know about”</p> <p>“Pictures, swears, boyfriends, girlfriends:”</p> <p>“Nothing”</p> <p>“Other people swear and talk nasty to one another”</p> <p>“I’ve told my parents what I’ve heard regarding the internet”</p> <p>“What is shown and advertised on youtube”</p> <p>“That you don’t have to type in www.”</p> <p>“Cyber bullying, secret usernames on websites and going on secretly to different websites”</p> <p>“AIM”</p> <p>“I don’t know anything that goes on”</p> <p>“My sister watching sex videos on youtube”</p> <p>“Spreading rumors”</p> <p>“Addictinggames.com”</p> <p>“They probably have no idea about blackmailing”</p> <p>“”What I AIM to people”</p> <p>“Bullying with text messages”</p> <p>“Don’t know. They know everyone”</p> <p>“People hacking into each others’ accounts”</p> <p>“I go on facebook a lot”</p> <p>“They probably don’t know that people may age have facebook/myspace”</p> <p>“People lying and being mean on AIM”</p> <p>“limewire.com (filesharing)”</p> <p>“That I get chain-emails from people that I don’t always know. But I delete them”</p> <p>“That I made an AIM account without telling them for a month”</p> <p>“When someone tells me on AIM that this is someone nobody knows but they know who I am”</p> <p>“People post images online”</p> <p>“Young kids talking to people they don’t know”</p> <p>“That people should be 13 to have IM”</p> <p>“People harassing people, hook ups, meetings, and threats”</p> <p>“Kids have their own websites and put whatever they want on them”</p>	<p>“There is a lot of inappropriate things”</p> <p>“Cyber bullying and porn”</p> <p>“I have a girlfriend”</p> <p>“Kids put fake birthdays to use IM and Myspace”</p> <p>“Gossip”</p> <p>“Dating stuff”</p> <p>“Nothing”</p> <p>“Things that people have on youtube.com”</p> <p>“If it’s very bad I will tell them”</p> <p>“Games kids are playing”</p> <p>“Movies and shows that I watch”</p> <p>“AIM infos”</p> <p>“Asking people out online”</p> <p>“Me going on youtube”</p> <p>“All the inappropriate sites that pop-up when you are searching for stuff”</p> <p>“Myspace.com and AIM.com”</p> <p>“I watch a lot of youtube”</p> <p>“People have multiple profiles on IM”</p> <p>“Friends arranging parties and playdates with each other”</p> <p>“Meeting people online that they don’t know”</p> <p>“People telling other people their names”</p> <p>“Dancingpandas.com”</p> <p>“Instant messaging inappropriately”</p> <p>“Fights on IM”</p> <p>“Stupid websites”</p> <p>“That many kids give information about themselves”</p> <p>“Nothing, I rarely go on the internet”</p> <p>“Any inappropriate shows on youtube”</p> <p>“Facebook.com”</p> <p>“I have shows on youtube”</p> <p>“How much I go onto email and Instant Message”</p> <p>“Me going on cartoon network in school in 3rd grade (teacher allowed”</p> <p>“Surfing bad websites”</p> <p>“What happens on myspace”</p> <p>“People who want to kidnap you</p> <p>“Games I play”</p> <p>“That there are third parties sometimes watching what you are doing”</p> <p>“Harassment”</p> <p>“Videos”</p> <p>“I have like 5 chat systems I never even use”</p> <p>“People say some very scary things”</p> <p>“People saying their cell #s online”</p> <p>“All of the pictures that can be downloaded”</p> <p>“People put bad videos and photos on internet”</p> <p>“A TON of IMing “</p> <p>“Kids click on links to inappropriate websites”</p>

**8. Name a website you go to often. (please do not include search engines like Yahoo or Google)**

<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>
<p> Youtube.com  Apple.com  Realarcadegames.com  Miniclipgames.com  Addictinggames.com  Ebay.com  AIM  Iconator.com  Miniclip.com  Pollard.k12.com  Gmail.com  Webkinz.com  Dressupgames.com  iTunes.com  MassBearCats, Bball, and New York Yankees  Myspace.com  Hotmail.com  Ninja Kiwi  Domo (Dream of mirror online)  Polyvore.com  Clubpenguin.com  Weeworld.com  Espn.com  Thebeatles.com  Mail.yahoo.com  Aimtoday.com  Orkut.com  Cartoondollemporium.com  Abercrombie.com  Comcast.com  Justjared.com  Stardoll.com  Quiai.com  Clubmarian.com  Egg2.com  Facebook.com  Stardoll.com  Onemanga.com  Girlsgogames.com  Mystabe.com  Sims2.com  Apple.com  Ridgetopfarm.com  Disneychannel.com  Googlegames.com  Clothes sites  Girlssense.com  Jamn94.5.com </p>	<p> Addictinggames.com  Youtube.com  Bruins.com  Comcast.com  Aol.com  Arom.heavengames.com  Pollard.k12.com  Runescape.com  Myspace.com  Miniclip.com  Google.com  iTunes.com  Miniclipgames.com  Powerpoint.com  Toysrus.com  Lyrics.com  Meebo.com  Hotmail.com  Amazon.com  Wikipedia.com  Mofunzone.com  Quia.com  Pgatour.com  Redsox.com  Ebay.com  Howthingsowkr.com  Sportsillustrated.com  Ferrari, Lamborghini  Watch-movies.net  Espn.com  Weeworld.com  Gaiaonline.com  Secebil.net  Cooksdribe.com </p>

**FYI: The following are the percentages of students that reported visiting youtube.com or addictinggames.com (by far and away the most frequently sited websites)**

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<b>Addictinggames.com</b>	34%	31%	42%